



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
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Rules and Regulations Filing Form

1. Agency Name and Address

Elections, State Board of

50 Branch Ave., Providence, Rhode Island 02904

2. Title of Rule

Rules & Regulations Adopted By The Rhode Island Board of Elections Relating To Tabulation of Mail Ballots

3. Statutory Source of Authority

17-7-1 et seq., 17-19-31, 17-20-24, 17-20-26 and 17-22-1 of the RI Gen. Laws of 1956, as amended

4. Concise Explanatory Statement – §42-35-2.3

The State of Rhode Island's optical scan precinct count election system provides a fast and accurate way of processing and tabulating mail ballots. In accordance with the requirements and capabilities of the optical scan system, the Board of Elections has developed procedures for the handling, processing and totaling of mail ballots in order to insure the integrity of the electoral process.

5. Type of Filing

Emergency Rules

A1. Emergency 120-day initial – §42-35-3(b)

☐ Adoption

☐ Amendment of ERLID:

☐ Repeal of ERLID:

A2. Emergency 90-day renewal – §42-35-3(b)

☐ Adoption

☐ Amendment

Indicate ERLID of 120-day initial:

Brief Statement of Reason for Finding Imminent Peril §42-35-3(b)(2):

Final Rules

☐ B1. Amendment

☒ B2. Adoption

☐ B3. Repeal

☐ C. Technical Revision

Supersedes ERLID:

Repeals ERLID:

Expires ERLID:

If B1 or C, please indicate new, amended, deleted, or revised sections:

6. Notice and Hearing Information

Date of Public Notice – §42-35-3(a)(1):03/18/2006

Date of Public Hearing – §42-35-3(a)(2):05/02/2006

End of Comment Period:00/00/0000

7. Agency Additional Information – Web Page

http:// .

8. Certification

I hereby certify that the attached rules and regulations were adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (42-35) and that they are true copies of this Department, attest,

Name

Title

Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn before me

this _____ day of _____, _____